

Her Majesty's command that no presentations should be made at the Levee, except in accordance with the above regulations.

It is particularly requested, that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to his Royal Highness.

The State Apartments will be opened for the reception of Company coming to Court at one o'clock.

HERTFORD,  
Lord Chamberlain.

*Foreign Office, April 8, 1879.*

THE Marquis of Salisbury, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Minister at Quito the annexed copy of a note, which has been addressed to him by the Ecuadorian Minister for Foreign Affairs, explanatory of the notice which appeared in the Gazette of the 18th of February, prohibiting the deposit in bond in the Guayaquil Custom-house and transit through the Port of Guayaquil of certain munitions of war.

*Department of Foreign Affairs,*  
SEÑOR MINISTRO, *Quito, January 28, 1879.*

UNDER date of the 25th instant, and in Despatch No. 1, the Honourable Minister of State and of Finance states to me as follows:

In Despatch No. 53, of this date, I communicate to the Governor of the Province of Guayas, the following:

Not only the Consuls of foreign countries residing in that Port, but also the Diplomatic Agents residing in this capital, have remonstrated against the Circular to which you refer in your official communication of the 18th instant, No. 43, not only on account of the extensive latitude which may be given to the word "transito" employed in the said Circular, but also with regard to the time required in order to communicate with their respective Governments, so that foreign commerce may be made aware of the prohibition to receive in deposit those goods which are not allowed to be introduced.

For these reasons, and by order of his Excellency charged with the Executive Power, it is decided that the word "transito" refers to the goods which are deposited in the Custom-house under the denomination of "merchandize in transit;" and consequently the prohibition to deposit them does not prevent their being carried by vessels bound to several ports and touching at Guayaquil; and with regard to the said prohibition to deposit in Guayaquil "goods in transit," in order that it may be brought to the knowledge of foreign commerce, so as to regulate its movements thereby, a period of ninety days is conceded. I communicate this to you in reply to your official note above alluded to.

I have much honour in thus addressing you for whatever ends may be required.

God and Liberty,

(Signed) JULES CASTRO.

All which I have the honour to transmit to Her Majesty's Minister for his knowledge and guidance.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) JULES CASTRO.

(H. 2924).

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),*  
*Whitehall Gardens, April 9, 1879.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy

of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Minister at Athens, reporting that the quarantine imposed in Greece on arrivals from Turkey has been reduced to three days.

(H. 2960).

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),*  
*Whitehall Gardens, April 10, 1879.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Minister at Athens, reporting that in Greece arrivals from Soulina are subject to eleven days' quarantine, and arrivals from other parts of Roumania are admitted to free pratique.

*Admiralty, 7th April, 1879.*

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have appointed John Collett, Esq., to be Director of Navy Contracts in the place of Francis W. Rowsell, Esq., C.B., who has retired.

*Admiralty, 8th April, 1879.*

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 30th April, 1877—

Chief Engineer Edward Parsons has been placed on the Retired List of his rank from the 3rd instant.

*Admiralty, 10th April, 1879.*

Engineer Henry Benbow has been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 3rd April, 1879.

*Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers.*

*Bristol Brigade.*

Thomas Sherlock Gooch, Esq., Captain, R.N., to be Lieutenant Commanding. Dated 10th April, 1879.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*11th April, 1879.*

MEMORANDUM.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to approve of the 17th (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers bearing on their Regimental appointments the words "Central India," in recognition of the services rendered by that Regiment during the Indian Mutiny in 1858 and 1859, while in pursuit of the Rebel Forces under Tantia Topee and Ras Sahib.

*1st Dragoon Guards, Second Lieutenant Robert Thomas Graves Lowry to be Lieutenant, in succession to Sub-Lieutenant C. H. Henderson, resigned. Dated 22nd March, 1879.*

*7th Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant William Edward Morrison Rough to be Captain, vice R. P. Rees, retired. Dated 22nd March, 1879.*

*5th Lancers, Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel William Lloyd Browne to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet Colonel W. G. D. Massy, retired on half-pay. Dated 15th March, 1879. Captain and Brevet Major Boyle Vandeleur to be Major, vice Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel W. L. Browne. Dated 15th March, 1879.*

*Lieutenant Augustus Campbell Spencer to be Captain, vice Brevet Major B. Vandeleur. Dated 15th March, 1879.*

*Lieutenant Thomas Fletcher to be Captain, vice L. M. Carmichael, seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 21st March, 1879.*